

BELLEVUE BRIEFS

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

Miss Ella Lyle is visiting at the home of Professor Green for several days.

The Ladies' Aid Society held a thimble party Tuesday at the hospitable home of Mrs. F. Wendall. There were eighteen ladies present, and after considerable work was accomplished they moved from the veranda to the parlor and dining room, where light refreshments were served. Mrs. Wendall and her daughter, Miss Irma, are ideal hostesses, and it is with much regret that we learn that they will soon leave us for their home "up in York state." The ladies decided to have another thimble party next month.

McGehee & Mayo have a beautiful new refrigerator for their store here. They are right up to date in their improvements and leave nothing undone that they can do to make their store attractive and convenient for their crowds of customers.

Quite a party went out to Jim Shedd's farm Wednesday for a picnic. They took their dinners with them, and if they did not have plenty to drink it was their own fault, as the rain came down very profusely all the forenoon.

Miss Alice Polly spent several days with her friend, Miss Creola Nix.

Several young people went to Smith Lake Sunday for a picnic and report a good time.

Mrs. Annie Dana has had a grave-stone made for her husband, the late Daniel A. Dana. The stone that will mark his last resting place is made of cement, which makes a good looking, serviceable stone. The work was done by W. W. Cowles, who recently built the Bellevue library.

Mrs. Lantz leaves today for Bartow, where she will live some time with her two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Barrett and three children leave today for their home in Sanford. They have been staying for some time with Mrs. Barrett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bryant.

W. R. Bryant was called to Ocala this week on the jury.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Gross went to Candler this morning. We are afraid they found the weather rather damp for a pleasure trip, but the farmers are delighted to see the rain, as it will be the saving of their crops.

Nathan Mayo expects to ship a carload of melons on the 20th.

The citizens of Bellevue are much pleased at the prospect of the continuation of the hard road through to Lake Weir. The quicker the better.

DOINGS AT KENDRICK

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

Last Sunday was a day long to be remembered by the people of our little town. It was the day upon which our Methodist church was dedicated. The service was conducted by Rev. F. R. Bridges, presiding elder of this district, assisted by Rev. J. G. Graham and our pastor in charge, Rev. M. M. Ford, and Dr. Cunningham. The Lord's supper was administered. Mrs. M. G. Davis presided at the organ, and Mr. T. N. Sumner led the choir. Every dollar that was due on the church was raised, and then a most elegant dinner was spread. Ocala was represented by Hon. C. L. Bittinger and wife, Mr. E. L. Carney and wife and many others from Pine, Martin, Griner Farm, Anthony, Lowell and Fairfield.

Miss Lillie Meadows was visiting Miss Clara Simms Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Grace visited Mr. C. I. Grace Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Clara Grace and little brothers are visiting at Pine.

Mr. Will Chappell is improving very fast. Miss Dora Carlton was the guest of Mrs. C. I. Grace Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. S. S. Langford is now the guest of Mrs. G. W. Ray.

We had a much appreciated rain on Wednesday.

Miss Mary Hall was the guest of Miss Alta Grace last week, as was also Miss Clara Simms. They sure had a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Grantham of Pine were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grace Saturday and Sunday.

We are very sorry to learn that Miss Hattie Simms was on the sick list last week. We hope she has entirely recovered by now.

We are very glad to know that Mr. Clyde Ray is much better.

Mrs. Jim Perry and brother, Mr. Emory Leavengood, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Waters Sunday.

Mr. Jim Carrington expects to visit Inverness this week.

Miss Alta Grace and Mr. Leavengood went to the picnic at Fairfield Friday.

Miss Emma Mack is now the guest of her sister, Mrs. Young, at Fairfield.

A BIG HAIL STORM AT ANTHONY

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The long and serious drouth at Anthony came to an end on Monday by the falling of two good rains, with an interval of two hours apart, the rain falling in sufficient quantities to form a pond around the depot. The last rain was accompanied by the heaviest hail storm ever seen by some of our oldest citizens. For about ten or fifteen minutes it fell in startling quantities and size until the whole ground was covered with white, much resembling a sleet of snow storm. Some estimate the size of the hail stones as large as hen eggs, and some the size of a man's fist, but the largest would probably measure an inch or more in diameter, and fell with such force as to penetrate paper roofings, smashing glasses in a number of windows and threshing leaves and small boughs from trees until the ground was covered with a carpet of green. Horses under shade trees were so pelted as to become fractious, and with difficulty were kept from breaking loose. Children gathered buckets of hail stones. One negro admitted that he was "scared" seeing so much ice here in the summer time. Fruit was knocked off the trees and considerable damage was done to tomatoes, melons, cantaloupes, etc., and corn blades were shredded. Anthony seemed to be the center of the storm, radiating about two or three miles around, excepting north, which reached not much over one mile.

FAIRFIELD FACTS

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

We enjoyed a fine rain this afternoon, which was greatly appreciated by everyone, and only wish we could have had more.

Mr. J. C. Dupree, a popular business man of Reddick was in our town yesterday.

Miss Dessie Leavengood of Ocala is here on a visit to her friend, Mrs. L. C. Dodd.

Mrs. Winnie Reynolds, who has been away on a visit to friends and relatives at Gainesville for the past two months, returned home last week, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Miles-Best.

The picnic of last Friday was a great success, about the only one on record that we did not have a rain-storm. Everybody enjoyed the day immensely, and the young people finished the pleasures of the day by participating in a little dance at the hall late that afternoon. They all congregated at the home of Mrs. E. S. Smith after tea and spent a pleasant evening in dancing. Among those who were present were: Misses Rudolph Myers of Irvine, Alice Yongue, Edna Gattrell, Della and Gertrude Smith of this place, and Messrs. Whortor Yongue, Melton, Stokes, Lohr, Smith, with Messrs. Roscoe Mathews, R. Chitty and Neal Mathews of Flemington.

The telephone between Irvine and Fairfield is nearing completion and we know the conversations that will be carried on over the phone will be very interesting to the young people.

SIMPLE JIM.

ITEMS FOR GEIGER

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

Geiger has been visited by several refreshing showers the past few days. Crops are growing nicely since the rains.

The prospects for a good tomato crop in this section are fine.

Mr. John L. Edwards, candidate for sheriff of Marion county, was in Geiger last week.

We noticed in the speech that Mr. Gus Morton made in the court house in Ocala against Hon. John N. C. Stockton, candidate for governor of Florida, that Mr. Morton claimed to be a son of old Marion county. He must have been as the prodigal son—wandered far from his father's house, when he got over in Levy county. We also noticed that Mr. Morton spoke quite frequently of "Eve," but did not mention Adam's name. We judge by that Adam was in favor of electing John N. C. Stockton for governor of Florida, and we see where the old man was right.

GEIGER CRITIC.

ANDALUSIA NEWS

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

Mr. and Mrs. Hobkirk, old pioneers of this place, gave a macaroni and cheese supper in honor of their Italian son-in-law and daughter, who will leave for New York Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Dagadoro enjoyed themselves very much.

We are having lovely rains now. The school here will close next Thursday.

Misses Mabel and Edith Taylor, who have been guests at the Weathers home for the past six weeks, left last night for Knoxville, Tenn., where they will visit a married sister before returning to their home at Glendale, O.

The Misses Taylor came down especially to be present at the marriage of Miss Dye and Mr. Stevens. They have many friends here, to whom their visits are always a matter of much pleasure.

DOLITTLE.

AT SPARR

The county candidates made an invasion on Sparr Wednesday and captured the city. Notwithstanding the rain a large number were in attendance, and good speeches and a good dinner was enjoyed.

Dr. William Griffith and Dr. J. G. Baskin and several friends came up from Dunnellon in the former's auto on their way to Sparr, but before Dr. Griffith reached Sparr his name was called, and in his absence Mr. C. L. Bittinger, editor of the Ocala Star, who is a candidate for the same office, made his speech for him, and said more about his good points than the doctor is accustomed to say about himself. Dr. Griffith, not knowing that Mr. Bittinger had performed this service for him, made a speech for himself, and as he says, got in two speeches, thus getting ahead of his rivals.

A good dinner was spread between showers and the day was passed most pleasantly.

The candidates, as has always been the custom in Marion county, are conducting a very clean and amiable campaign. They do not throw mud, but bouquets, at each other, and it would be well if the state and senatorial candidates would attend some of our Marion county meetings and take pointers.

FLORIDA PRESS ASSOCIATION

The Florida Press Association will hold their annual convention at St. Petersburg today and tomorrow, and a very pleasant and profitable meeting is assured. It is thought that quite a number of the prominent editors of the state will be in attendance. The program for today is as follows:

Ten O'clock a. m.

Call to order by President J. H. Humphries.

Invocation—Rev. Dr. Thompson of St. Petersburg.

Turning Over the Keys of the City—Mayor H. A. Murphy.

Response—W. B. Crawford, (News), Pensacola.

Address of Welcome—Hon. E. H. Myers.

Response—Hon. W. A. Russell, (News), Palatka.

Annual reports of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Announcements.

Adjourn for dinner.

Two-Thirty O'clock p. m.

Address—Hon. A. L. Lawshe, third assistant postmaster general. Subject: "The Postoffice Department and the Legitimate Publisher."

Music.

Address, "The Federal Peonage Statute and Its Enforcement in the South"—Col. W. M. Toomer, Jacksonville.

Music.

Paper by Hon. Frank L. Mayes, Pensacola. Subject: "Newspapers and the New Rate Legislation." Discussion by C. B. Smith, Madison and O. J. Farmer, Bronson.

Announcements.

Eight O'clock p. m.

Annual poem by Mr. W. E. Pabor. Title, "The Luck-Flower; A Myth of the Middle Ages."

Balance of the evening will be W. T. I. A. night, when the ladies of the city will give a short entertainment, followed by an informal reception and dance.

We had a very interesting call yesterday from Mr. E. W. Irvine, candidate for railroad commissioner. We have been knowing Mr. Irvine for a number of years, and feel justified in saying that if he is elected to this position he will do his very best to act with exact justice, both to the railroad companies and to the shippers. Mr. Irvine has been on the road for a number of years and has devoted considerable attention to railroad problems. His declaration of principles will be found elsewhere in our columns, and we hope those interested in railroad matters will give the same careful attention. Mr. Irvine's picture also appears in our issue today, but he is not nearly so old as this picture makes him look. He is a youth of 55.

Attorney L. S. Beck says that a good many persons have gotten his name mixed with that of Mr. J. L. Beck and think that he is a candidate for registration officer. No longer ago than yesterday one of the voters told him he was pulling everything for him and knew that he would be a sure winner, and ended his spiel by asking for a loan of the coin of the realm. Mr. Beck said that the gentleman was so fascinating and captivating and elegant in his appeal that he simply did not have it in his heart to say "no," but he says that he does not want it to happen again. He says that the next applicant will be turned down.

Having finished the cases before the grand jury in this county, in which State Attorney Davis felt that it was improper for him to act, State Attorney Phillips left on the early morning train for his home at Tampa. He left a good impression here.

THE LIBRARY ENTERTAINMENT

The entertainment given at the Elks' attractive club rooms last night for the benefit of the Ocala public library was an unusually pleasant social event and those who were present spent an evening of very much enjoyment.

The musical program was very enjoyable. The piano duet by Misses Mary and Rosalie Connor was splendid. These young ladies are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Connor and have recently returned to Ocala to live. They are excellent musicians and will be a very welcome addition to the musical as well as social circles of Ocala. The violin solo by Miss Connor was equally well rendered, and the first appearance of these two accomplished young ladies in Ocala met with much appreciation.

Mr. Leon Fishel, than whom there is no finer pianist in the city, delighted all with his playing. He is always heard with much pleasure by his friends. It was a matter of regret that owing to absence from the city Mrs. Seligman was not present for her number.

The solos of Miss Alice Bullock, Mrs. John Taylor, Mrs. E. H. Mote and Miss Minnie Gamsby were all exceedingly beautiful and gave a great deal of pleasure to their audience and they were all enthusiastically encouraged.

Mr. Albert Gerig, with Mrs. George R. McKean, sang a very charming duet. They are both popular singers and it is always a matter of pleasure when they are to sing at an entertainment.

During the evening punch and cake were served. Mrs. G. K. Robinson, Mrs. F. T. Schreiber and Mrs. G. T. Maughs, being in charge of this part of the evening's program.

Mr. David S. Williams was at the door and took up the tickets and Mrs. C. H. Lloyd and Mrs. Jake Brown and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gerig were on the reception committee. Miss Louise Gamsby, the faithful and splendid librarian, who takes such a deep interest in all affairs helping along this organization, and Mrs. T. T. Munroe, who also takes a deep interest in the library, constituted the general committee and kept themselves busy seeing that everyone was enjoying themselves.

Besides the musical program, there was also dancing, pool playing and cards, whilst being played progressively. The score cards, dance programs and tickets for the pool tables were sold at 10 cents each. Mrs. Charles Rheinauer and Miss Emily Stotesbury having them in charge. This part of the program netted quite a nice sum for the library.

The library entertainment was in every respect a very enjoyable affair and was an exceedingly successful one.

BREAU COLLEGE STATES DAY CELEBRATION

On April 28th, the students of Breau College, Gainesville, Ga., celebrated "States Day." There are represented in this college twenty-four states, besides England and Cuba. The day was celebrated as a campus carnival. Each state prepared a float, which displayed the state flower, the state shield, the state colors and flag. No state knew what kind of float any other was to have until the time appointed for the parade, and when the twenty-six fell into line it was a unique combination. Some were dainty flower floats, some historic, some comic.

By many the Florida float was rated the most beautiful. It was a floral display, well representing "The Land of Flowers." Under an orange tree, bright with its golden fruit, upon the top of a tall pyramid, on which the Florida girls were grouped, stood Miss Alta Pearson of Ocala, Florida, president of the Florida club. Before her, suspended in the air, was a huge alligator, which she drove with pink ribbons. For their stunt the Florida girls sang "Way Down Upon the Suwannee River," and then pelted the crowd with oranges.

The music for the occasion was most generously furnished by the band of Georgia University. The "Georgia" boys are at present in camp at Gainesville. As the parade moved off the band played "Yankee Doodle," a courtesy to the many northern girls in the school. A hearty applause greeted the first note. The next air was "Dixie" which called forth ringing cheers from the large crowd gathered to witness the exercises.—Extract from the Gainesville (Ga.) News.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court was engaged most all day yesterday in the trial of unimportant cases, with the exception of the two young white men who pleaded guilty of attempting to forge fraudulent checks on the Commercial Bank. They were sentenced by Judge Bullock one for eighteen months and one for two years.

Mr. R. J. Knight was made receiver in some mill case.

THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY

For two days the grand jury, under the able and impartial direction of State Attorney H. S. Phillips of the sixth judicial circuit, has been investigating the case against Messrs. Jno. D. Robertson and J. H. Spencer charged with conspiring and procuring Homer Dean to make an assault on Alderman McIver.

In the two days a great many witnesses were examined, and the whole affair was sifted from "kiver to kiver." There was nothing left undone and no witness who knew or pretended to know anything about the case was left unsummoned.

Late yesterday afternoon the jury filed into open court and filed with the clerk "no true bill" in each case. We hope this will end the unfortunate affair, that it will be speedily relegated to the shades of forgetfulness, that all differences arising out of it will be harmonized and that peace and good fellowship will follow.

In a little community like ours we must all pull together and all be friends.

BAND CONCERT

The following program will be rendered by the Metropolitan Band Friday evening, May 9, at 8:15 o'clock:

"Caesar's Triumphal March"—G. F. Mitchell.

Waltz, "Remembrance of Naples"—C. W. Bennett.

Serenade, "When the Mocking Birds Are Singing in the Wildwood"—H. B. Blaker.

Overture, "Le Diademe"—O. Hermann.

Intermission.

Flower Song, "Hearts and Flowers"—Theo. M. Tobani.

Cornet Solo, "Love Me, and the World is Mine"—E. R. Ball.

Selection, "Bits of Remicks Hits"—J. B. Lampe.

March, "Happy Heinie"—J. B. Lampe.

A. E. GERIG, Director.

THE CARD CLUB MEETS

The regular meeting of the Young Ladies' Card Club was held this week with Miss Ethel Robinson as the clever hostess and she entertained her guests in her customary delightful manner, being pleasantly assisted by her mother, Mrs. George K. Robinson.

Miss Mabel Taylor and Mrs. John Taylor were the winners of the prizes, the former receiving a lovely white gauze fan, and the latter a linen center piece.

Besides the club members present Miss Robinson also had as her guests Mrs. H. S. Chambers, Mrs. T. T. Munroe, Miss Goode and Misses Mabel and Edith Taylor.

The conclusion of this pleasant afternoon at the Robinsons' charming home was an ice cream course daintily served.

AT LYNNE ON THURSDAY, THE 14TH OF MAY

Moss Bluff, Electra, Sharp's Ferry and all places across the Oklawaha river, have withdrawn all dates for the annual picnics and speakings and have all joined forces with Lynne, and will have a big demonstration at that place on Thursday, May 14.

Col. Robert F. Rogers is in charge of the dinner and that means that it will be a big one. A great many will attend from Ocala and some of the candidates for some of the higher offices are expected to be there. They have all been invited.

Mr. D. J. Herrin, candidate for delegate to the national convention at Denver from the state at large, was a visitor to the city yesterday, and incidentally called at this office. Mr. Herrin is a great admirer of Mr. Bryan, but does not think that his nomination is opportune at the present time, and if he is elected a delegate he will use his efforts to have nominated Governor Johnson of Minnesota, Judge Gray of Delaware, or some other democrat who has not created the jealousies and antagonisms that Mr. Bryan has. He asks the support of all democrats who entertain the same views that he does. Mr. Herrin represents the Consolidated Naval Stores Company of Jacksonville.

MISS SIMS' RECITAL

Miss Madge Sims will give her recital at the armory tonight. The pupils have rehearsed a pretty little play, and this, with the recitations of the members of the class, will supply an entertainment well worth the admission fee of 25 cents, which will be charged.

A PEANUT HUNT

The Junior Auxiliary will have a peanut hunt Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. H. A. Ford. Tickets, 10 cents. There will also be a candy table and a fancy work table.

Mrs. W. H. Clark left yesterday afternoon for her old home at Troy, Alabama, where she was called on account of the critical illness of her mother.



WM. A. YONGUE
Candidate for County Commissioner,
Fifth District.

Mrs. W. L. Colbert and children are on a visit to relatives at Sparr.

Mr. Mallory Liddon spent yesterday in the city.

Mrs. Mallory Liddon and little son left yesterday afternoon for Winter Haven and Tampa.

Miss Mamie Taylor is on a visit to friends at St. Augustine, and will be away for a week or two.

The north bound A. C. L. train was three and a half hours late yesterday owing to a broken down engine.

Mrs. W. T. Cole left yesterday for South Carolina, where she goes to spend several weeks with relatives.

Mr. J. H. Lester, one of the substantial citizens of Panasoffee, was a visitor to Ocala Thursday.

Mrs. J. J. Williams of Homosassa is in the city on a visit to Mrs. Jake Brown.

All Woodmen are requested to be present at the meeting to be held at the Forest tonight.

In the case of Homer Dean, the grand jury yesterday found a true bill against him for aggravated assault.

Mr. George W. Watson of Lakeland, who is one of the A. C. L. traveling auditors, was in the city yesterday, passing through on the belated train.

Mr. Rolla Keating has returned home from Daytona Beach, where he has been since Saturday, visiting his parents and sisters.

Mrs. Forney Lancaster is now on a visit to her father at Rochester, N. Y., and from there she goes to St. Louis to join her husband, and they will make that city their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Stevens reached Shawnee, Okla., several days ago and are now delightfully domiciled in the charming little home that Mr. Stevens had prepared for his bride.

Mrs. Will Carlton, who has been ill for several weeks, was much better yesterday. Mr. Carlton, who is also sick with fever, is likewise improving.

Mrs. Israel Brown's many friends will regret to learn of her illness at her home on Third street, and will wish for her a speedy recovery.—Times-Union.

The candidates for county offices made an invasion on the peaceful precinct of McIntosh yesterday and showered their eloquence on its tranquil inhabitants. Of course they were given a generous welcome.

Mr. C. L. Bittinger is so engrossed in his campaign for the legislature that for the first time in some years he will fail to attend the annual meeting of the State Press Association, which meets at St. Petersburg today.

Mr. Harvey L. Brown, editor of the St. Augustine Record, and Mr. John Crosby, editor of the San Mateo Item, passed through the city yesterday afternoon en route to St. Petersburg, to be present at the meeting of the Press Association today.

Mr. John F. Williamson, candidate for supervisor of registration, has been a resident of Ocala for sixteen years and a tax payer for over twenty years. He has held municipal offices on several occasions and his services always proved satisfactory. If he is elected to the office to which he aspires he will no doubt conduct it in a businesslike manner, as he always has his private affairs during his many years' residence among us.

Mrs. Frank Harris and Mrs. E. T. Helvenston are having a delightful visit in Tallahassee this week, and they are being charmingly entertained, the former at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Winthrop and the latter at the Bond house. The Daughters' convention, which they are attending, is having a splendid session.

Mrs. R. H. Barnett, who has been at St. Petersburg since Saturday, attending the convention of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist church, returned home yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Walker Bishop, who also attended the convention, will remain there a few days longer with relatives.